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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
FRANK LOMBARDO, III**

Introduced By: Senators Ruggiero, Pearson, Lawson, Gallo, Picard, Ciccone, F.
Lombardi, Bell, Lauria, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 29, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and regret that this Senate has learned of the
2 passing of our friend and colleague, the Honorable Frank Lombardo, an esteemed member of the
3 Rhode Island Senate, and the beloved husband of Patricia Lombardo; and

4 WHEREAS, Frank Lombardo was born in the City of Providence, the son of Frank
5 Lombardo, Jr. and the late Theresa Lombardo, and the brother of Robert Lombardo and David
6 Lombardo; and

7 WHEREAS, Even as a young man, Senator Lombardo demonstrated the kind of leader he
8 would become. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout from BSA Troop 4, in Greenville, and would
9 later serve as a Camp Counselor at Yawgoog Boy Scout Camp. He was also a wrestler during his
10 years at Smithfield High School and would later become a coach of the Johnston High School and
11 LaSalle wrestling teams, and was also a coach for the Smithfield and Johnston Little Leagues;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, A successful businessman, Frank had attended Rhode Island College and
14 was a RSES Graduate of Refrigeration and Service & Engineering Society. He was the President
15 of Lombardo and Son, Inc. in Providence, and was dedicated to his profession, serving as a
16 member of the Associated Builders and Contractors, the Rhode Island Builders, and the
17 Refrigeration Service and Engineering Society; and

18 WHEREAS, On November 2, 2010, the Honorable Frank Lombardo was elected to the
19 Rhode Island Senate in District 25, representing his constituency in the Town of Johnston until

1 his passing. During his tenure at the State House, he served as Chair of Senate Housing and
2 Municipal Government, and was a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, Labor
3 Committee, Rules Committee, and the Ethics and Oversight Committees. He was a deeply
4 admired and respected member of the Senate who “embodied the spirit of collegiality and service
5 to which every member of the Senate aspires” and was a dedicated and passionate champion of
6 the business community; and

7 WHEREAS, Above all else in his life, Frank Lombardo loved and cherished his family.
8 In addition to his wife and dad, he was the very proud father of Frank Lombardo, IV and his wife,
9 Ashley, and Victoria Aceto and her husband, Anthony, and the cherished grandfather of Landon
10 and Liella Lombardo; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Lombardo was also a man “full of energy and adventure” who lived
12 “every moment of life to the fullest.” His adventurous streak included cross country motorcycle
13 trips as well as helicopter and snow skiing. He embraced the memories made during cross-
14 country motorcycle adventures with his father, watching his grandson tear down the slopes, and
15 ensuring his own skiing companions knew how much faster than them he was at completing the
16 trails; and

17 WHEREAS, A generous and kind gentleman, beloved family man, a man of faith and a
18 devoted community leader, the Honorable Frank Lombardo’s life was filled with good deeds, a
19 magnanimous spirit and omnipresent good humor, he represented all that is best in this State and
20 he will be dearly missed; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends its deepest
22 condolences and sympathy on the passing of the Honorable Frank Lombardo, III; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
24 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Patricia Lombardo and Family, and Frank
25 Lombardo, Jr.

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